IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CASE NO.: **CWP No.12870 of 2007**

DATE OF DECISION: August 20, 2007

VIVEK KUMAR ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA ...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA.
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN.

PRESENT: MR. D.S. ADLAKHA, ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER.

ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner who applied for the post of Inspector, Cooperative Societies, Haryana in pursuance to advertisement No.2 of 2007 dated 21.2.2007, is aggrieved by the action of the respondents in resorting to short-listing of candidates for the aforementioned posts.

Learned counsel submits that although the petitioner was fully eligible for the post of Inspector but he has not been called for interview as the respondents have resorted to short-listing which is wholly illegal.

In the present case, as number of candidates for the post of Inspector, Cooperative Societies was large hence, the Haryana Staff Selection Commission has resorted to short-listing. In view of judgement in *Union of India* vs. *T. Sundararaman*, reported as 1997 AIR (SC) 2418, the Hon'ble Apex Court has held that "*the selecting agency can screen the candidates at the threshold of the process of selection by prescribing higher eligibility qualifications to narrow down the field of selection in case large number of candidates are available for limited post*".

In view of the above, we find no infirmity in the action of the respondents by which the Commission has short-listed 8 times the candidates of the advertised posts. Resultantly, the writ petition is dismissed.

(ASHUTOSH MOHUNTA)
JUDGE

August 20, 2007
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(T.P.S. MANN)
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